

Lecture Summary – Saturday 23rd August 2025

"The Final Tribulations of the Prophet" – Sheikh Ali Abbas Malik

1. Greatest Loss to Humanity

- Prophet Muhammad (s) teacher of humanity, mercy to the worlds (Qur'an 21:107).
- Believers express grief and connect personal sorrows to his and Ahlulbayt's tragedies. (cf. Qur'an 33:21).

2. Trials & Counter-Revolutions

- Hypocrites (munāfiqūn) plotted against Islam from within (Qur'an 9:67-68).
- Their efforts continued after the Prophet's passing, diverting Muslims from true succession.

3. Final 18 Months of Prophet's Life

- Battle of Tabuk (9 AH): Attempted assassination; Masjid al-Dirar exposed (Qur'an 9:107).
- Surah al-Tawbah declaration: Delivered by Imam Ali (a) on Prophet's command (Qur'an 9:1-3).
- Mubahala with Christians of Najran (9 AH): Truth upheld through Ahlulbayt (Qur'an 3:61).
- Conversions in Yemen: Imam Ali (a) succeeds where others failed.
- Ghadir Khumm (10 AH): Prophet declares Imam Ali (a) as successor (Qur'an 5:67; Qur'an 5:3).

4. Prophet's Final Days (11 AH)

- Ordered Usama's army to move out to protect Islam from internal dissent.
- Denied pen & paper for his will some companions said: "The Book of Allah is sufficient" (cf. Qur'an 33:36).
- Prophet insisted on leading final prayer himself.

5. Prophecies of Ahlulbayt's Suffering

- Lady Fatima (a) foretold of oppression (Qur'an 33:33 purification verse).
- Imam Hasan (a) poisoned; Imam Husayn (a) martyred in Karbala (Qur'an 3:169 martyrs alive with Allah).
- Prophet wept, embraced Hasan & Husayn, warning of their tragedies.

6. Prophet's Passing (28 Safar, 11 AH)

- Angel of Death sought permission; Prophet departed peacefully.
- Lady Fatima's lament: compares Medina's emptiness to Husayn (a) lying unburied on Karbala soil.

Key Takeaways

- Follow Qur'an + Ahlulbayt (Qur'an 33:33, 42:23).
- Hypocrites' conspiracies began before Prophet's death.
- Ghadir Khumm = clear succession of Imam Ali (a).
- Tragedy of Karbala = continuation of oppression starting at Prophet's passing.
- Remembering Masā'ib strengthens faith and connection to Ahlulbayt.